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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Further to the June 19, 2008 personal interview with Examiner Pachol and Examiner Haskins, Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks. Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Pachol and Haskins in the June 19, 2008 personal interview. During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of independent claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,144,777 to Tada et al. (hereinafter Tada) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,978,614 to Takeuchi. The points discussed during the personal interview parallel to the arguments presented in the May 21, 2008 Request for Reconsideration.

As discussed during the personal interview, neither Tada nor Takeuchi, either alone, or in combination disclose or render obvious (1) a detection section that detects which of the first and second original placement sections the original is placed in, and (2) a control section that causes the image formation section to form the images of a plurality of originals read by

the image read section of one size of one recording medium in a predetermined layout based on the detection results of the detection section and specification of the image orientation specifying section, as recited in independent claim 1, and as similarly recited in independent claim 12.

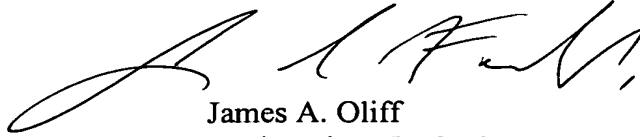
In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that the document center 27 of Takeuchi (the alleged detection section) merely detects whether there is one or more documents 21 (the alleged original) in the tray 22 of Takeuchi (the alleged first and second original placement sections). That is, the document center 27 only detects whether one or more documents 21 are in a single tray 22, and does not detect which of the first and second tray 22 the documents 21 are placed in. Furthermore, Tada fails to teach or suggest that the CPU 4 of Tada (the alleged control section) causes the formation images based on a detection result of a detection section, as recited in independent claim 1, and as similarly recited in independent claim 12.

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 12 are patentable over the combination of Tada and Takeuchi. Furthermore, claims 2-11 and 13-16 also are patentable over the combination of Tada and Takeuchi, at least under the patentability of independent claims 1 and 12 from which claims 2-11 and 13-16 respectfully depend, as well as for the additional features these claims recite. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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